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QUOTING"RESIDENTS OF LUANDA WHO ARE IN TOUCH WITH JOHANNESBURG BY RADIO" RAND DAILY MAIL SAID NOV. 7 THAT ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE HAD ROCKED CITY OUTSKIRTS NOV.6. PORTUGUESE ARMY REPORTED TO HAVE TURNED OVER DOCK AREAS TO MPLA. AT LEAST TWO BATTALIONS OF ZAIRE TROOPS REPORTEDLY SUPPORTING FNLA PREPARATION FOR ATTACK ON LUANDA FROM POSITIONS SOME 20 KM. NORTH OF CITY.

"SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO OPERATORS COULD NOT SAY WHICH SECTIONS OF THE CITY WERE UNDER BOMBARDMENT" SAID MAIL, ADDING THAT HIGH COMMISSIONER CARDOSO WAS REPORTED TO HAVE "BEAT A SWIFT RETREAT TO A WARSHIP ANCHORED IN THE BAY." OTHER ANGOLA ITEMS WERE BASED ON WIRE SERVICE REPORTS.

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